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SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

PART I ICCS: PLENARY TAKES HOLIDAY FOR HUNGARIAN NATIONAL DAY;
INDODEL/ CANDEL PUSH FOR INVESTIGATION OF TONG LE CHAN FIGHTING
PART II TPJMC: GVN UNDERLINES SERIOUS VIEW OF TONG LE CHAN
FIGHTING
PART III GVN/ PRG BILATERAL TALKS: NO PROGRESS IN FIFTH SESSION
PART IV CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS NOW TOTAL 9,676
PART V MR 1: INCIDENTS, CASUALTIES RISE SLIGHTLY; INDODEL
DISPLAYS INITIATIVE IN QUANG NAM INVESTIGATION
PART VI MR 2: CANDEL PLANS TO DOCUMENT ICCS FRUSTRATIONS; THIRD
FORCE ACTIVITY IN BINH THUAN IRRITATES GVN OFFICIAL
PART VII MR 3: MR3 COMMANDER FORESEES CONTINUED PRG FOOT- DRAGGING
IN JOINING TPJMC; CANDEL PLANNING AGGREF REGIMES
WILL SOON SUFFER SIMILAR FATE. IT WOULD BE TO RUSSIAN INTEREST TO
DISRUPT VITAL ENERGY FLOW FROM GULF TO US, JAPAN AND EUROPE.

D. GOK HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA
RE SITUATION, AND VARIOUS MEDIATORS (EGYPTIANS, SYRIANS, SUDANESE,
PALESTINIANS) HAVE BEEN AT WORK. IRAQI DELEGATION NOW SCHEDULED
ARRIVE APRIL 6 FOR TELKS. GOK STILL DOES NOT KNOW IF IRAQ
SINCERE IN SAYING IT WANTS FINAL DEMARCATION OF BORDER , BUT IF
IRAQI VISIT HERE IS TO TRY TO DELAY OR " COOL" SITUATION, GOK
WILL NOT HESITATE APPEAL TO ARAB LEAGUE. KUWAIT DOES NOT WISH TO
PROVOKE IRAQ UNNECESSARILY AND WOULD HOPE THAT ANY MILITARY
SUPPORT FROM FELLOW ARAB STATES SUCH AS JORDAN OR SAUDI ARABIA
WOULD COME VIA ARAB LEAGUE.

E. KUWAIT OF COURSE HOPES PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED BY
PEACEFUL MEANS. HOWEVER IT MUST BE IN POSITION CONTINUE STAND
UP TO IRAQ. SETTLEMENT OF CURRENT DISPUTE, EVEN IF ACHIEVED,
WOULD NOT PRECLUDE RECURRENCE OF IRAQ AGGRESSION AT SOME LATER
DATE. KUWAITI GROUND FORCES ARE NOT BAD AND CAN BE IMPROVED
FAIRLY READILY. MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM FACING KUWAIT IS LACK OF
DEFENSIVE AIR COVER.

2. RASHID SAID HE HAD BEEN DIRECTED ASK ME WHAT USG CAN DO
HELP. GOK READY BUY AIRCRAFT AND HIRE PILOTS.

3. I TOLD RASHID I WOULD REPORT GOK REQUEST IMMEDIATELY. I
ADDED MY PERSONAL REACTION WAS KUWAIT SHOULD LOOK AT ITS AIR-
FORCE REQUIREMENTS IN TWO STAGES. FIRST WAS IMMEDIATE PROBLEM
OF GETTING HELP FROM FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR; AND SECOND WAS LONGER
RANGE UWEGRAM TO ACQUIRE AIRCRAFT AND NECESSARY MAINTENANCE

AND TRAINING SO THAT KUWAIT' S OWN AIRFORCE COULD EVENTUALLY TAKE
OVER. SINCE JORDAN HAD ALREADY OFFERED MILITARY HELP, AND
TAKING PRESENT POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT,
IT SEEMED TO ME JORDANIAN AIRFORCE IN BEST POSITION PROVIDE FAST
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EFFECTIVE SUPPORT KUWAIT WANTED. REGARDING LONGER RANGE DEVELOPMENT OF KUWAITI AIRFORCE, USG SENDING MILITARY TEAM MID- APRIL WHICH WOULD BE IN POSITION GIVE BEST AVAILABLE ADVICE QUICKLY.

4. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST ON USG RESPONSE TO GOK REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON AIR COVER. BELIEVE QUINCY JORDANIAN RESPONSE, BACKED BY US, MIGHT PAY VERY GOOD DIVIDENDS (PERHAPS EVEN RENEWAL OF KUWAITI SUBSIDIES); AND US MILITARY TEAM, WHICH I HOPE WILL ARRIVE VERY PROMPTLY, MIGHT GIVE US BEST CHANCE WE HAVE HAD SO FAR CONVINCE GOK BY F-5 S.
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PART III: GVN/ PRG BILATERALS

FIFTH SESSION GVN/ PRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HELD APR. 3.
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN HAD NO COMMENT ON SUBJECT AT
MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE OF APR. 4 EXCEPT TO SAY THAT NO RESULTS
WERE OBTAINED AS THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO AGREE ON AGENDA. REPORT
FROM USDEL PWCTS (USDEL 9345) STATES BOTH SIDES MAINTAINED THEIR
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PROPOSED AGENDAS: GVN FAVORS DISCUSSION OF ELECTIONS, NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD (NCNRC), AND
DEMobilIZATION OF ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH (NVA WITHDRAWAL) IN THAT
ORDER; PRG WANTS SEQUENCE TO BE " DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES" IN SOUTH
VIETNAM, NCNRC, AND ELECTINS. PRG ALSO TURNED DOWN GVN PROPOSALS
FOR SECRET MEETINGS AND FOR GUARANTEE OF " NON- ELIMINATION" OF PRG
IN EXCHANGE FOR NVA WITHDRAWAL. ACCORDING TO AFP REPORT, AS IT
APPEARED IN OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS, GVN DELEGATE VIEN ALSO
ACCUSED PRG OF ATTACKING TONG LE CHAM IN VIOLATION OF PARIS
AGREEMENT. SIXTH MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APR. 12.

PART IV: CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

VIETNAM PRESS HAS NOW CHARGED THE COMMUNISTS WITH A TOTAL OF 9,676
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AS OF 0600 APR. 4, DURING WHICH 15,802
COMMUNIST SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 209 CAPTURED (THE
CAPTURED FIGURE HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE MAR. 18). RVNAF HAS
SUFFERED 3,462 KILLED, 16,745 WOUNDED AND 949 MIA. IN ADDITION,
510 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED, 1,441 WOUNDED AND ANOTHER 954
ABDUCTED.

PART V: MR 1

1. INCIDENTS IN MR 1 ROSE TO 28, INCLUDING 23 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF)
AND 3 GROUND ATTACKS. ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCREASE IN ACTIVITY
WAS AN INCREASE IN CASUALTIES: FRIENDLY 14 KIA, 82 WIA; ENEMY
34 KIA. THE INCIDENT RATE REMAINED HEAVIEST IN THE FIRST DIV.

AO WEST OF HUE WITH A TOTAL OF 13 ABG'S. INCIDENTS ALSO ROSE IN QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,797 ROUNDS.

2. ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS 500 LABORERS WORKING ON A ROAD NET NEAR THE QUANG NGAI- BINH DINH BORDER WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF THE COAST.

3. THE RVN MARINE BATTALION (BN) HOLDING A TWO TO THREE KILOMETER SEGMENT OF THE LINE IN QUANG TRI BETWEEN THE CAPITAL AND THE COAST SOUTH OF THE CUA VIET HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FOR REFITTING. TWO QUANG TRI RF BN'S HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SECTOR. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE REACTED BY MOVING CIVILIANS INTO THE AREA OPPOSITE THE RF UNITS, INCLUDING SOME RELATIVES OF THE RF TROOPS. THE FAMILY MEMBERS
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HOLIDAY; HUNGARY IS CHAIRING THE REGION V ICCS THIS WEEK AND THE
HUNGARIANS PLAN TO DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TODAY.

4. COL SIMONDS HAS TOLD CONGEN CANDEL PLANS TO SWITCH
TACTICS. INSTEAD OF ASKING THE TPJMC TO GUWRANTEE THE SAFETY
OF THE ICCS WHEN THE LATTER WANTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION
(AS HAD BEEN DONE WITH THE FPJMC) THE ICCS WILL NOW PREPARE AN
AGENDA, WRITE A LETTER TO THE TPJMC INFORMING THE PARTIES THAT
THE ICCS IS COMING, AND GO INVESTIGATE. THE CANDEL HOPES THE
BELLIGERENTS WILL CEASE MILITARY ACTIVITY, AT LEAST WHILE THE
ICCS IS ON THE SPOT TO INVESTIGATE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEW
CANDEL PROCEDURE IS NOW BEING PUT INTO EFFECT BY ALLHOUR AND A HALF
WITH ONLY AID OF BRIEF NOTES. MANY
SAID LATER THEY COULD HAVE LISTENED TWICE AS LONG TO HIS WIDE-
RANGING, FASCINATING PRESENTATION. DOHERTY

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